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FOLLOWING REPEAT SEOUL 7415 SENT ACTION SECSTATE SEP 02.
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E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: KS, KN, US, CH
SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ON CHINA BRIEFING

1. AMBASSADOR CALLED ON FONMIN AFTERNOON SEPT 1 FOR DISCUSSION OF REACTION TO PEKING TALKS BRIEFED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE. FONMIN SAID HE WAS STRUCK BY THE REPEATED THEME OF PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION WHICH HE NOTED THROUGHOUT ALL DISCUSSIONS. IN PARTICULAR HE FASTENED ON TENG'S REPORTED STATEMENT THAT IF GERMAN REUNIFICATION DID NOT HAPPEN IN ONE HUNDRED YEARS THEN IT WOULD HAPPEN IN ONE THOUSAND YEARS. HE SAW THIS AS AN INDICATION THAT PRC PLACING NO URGENCY ON KOREAN PROBLEM. HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT NEITHER USSR, PRC OR JAPAN WANTED REUNIFICATION

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SINCE POLITICAL DIRECTION OF REUNIFIED KOREA PROBLEMATIC. IN HIS VIEW UNIFIED KOREA WOULD JOIN WESTERN CAMP WHICH WOULD BE UNPALATABLE TO EITHER PRC OR USSR.

2. FONMIN NOTED THAT ONLY QUESTION CLOUDING THIS VIEW WAS POSSIBILITY OF UNILATERAL ACTION BY DPRK FORCING USSR AND PRC SUPPORT. AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED VIEW THAT

BOTH COUNTRIES UNDOUBTEDLY HAD SOME FORM OF CONSTRAINT TO AVOID SUCH AN EVENTUALITY.

3. FONMIN SEEMED PLEASED THAT NO NEW INITIATIVES HAD RESULTED FROM DISCUSSION AND EXPRESSED VIEW THAT TIDE OF WORLD OPINION NOW FLOWING IN FAVOR OF ROK. HE DID NOT EXPECT ANY MARKED CHANGE BUT A GRADUAL REALIGNMENT AS NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES CAME TO MORE REALISTIC VIEW OF WORLD SITUATION AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF CLOSER ASSOCIATION WITH ROK. GIVEN THIS TREND, HE WAS CONCERNED THAT WE AVOID POSSIBILITY OF MISCALCULATION BY DPRK. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT WE MUST CONTINUE TO REVIEW DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES TO REINFORCE VIEW THAT QUEST FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE KOREAN ISSUE IS IN FACT BEING CARRIED FORWARD.

4. FONMIN ASKED IF ANY ATTEMPT HAD BEEN MADE BY DPRK REPRESENTATIVES TO SEE MEMBERS OF THE VANCE PARTY IN PEKING. AMBASSADOR ASSURED HIM NON SUCH APPROACH HAD BEEN MADE.

5. FONMIN ALSO ASKED WHEN SIMILAR APPROACH WOULD BE MADE TO USSR. REQUEST GUIDANCE.
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